

1. (Cancelled)

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6. (Currently Amended) A network comprising:

a plurality of network units;

a communication path communicably linking the plurality of network units in a peer-to-peer point-to-point configuration; with each another; and

wherein a first network unit of the plurality of network units has installed ~~therein~~ a network layer of a second network in combination with an associated application program interface, and ~~further wherein~~ a proxy computer is installed in each of the plurality of network units other than ~~thesaid~~ first network unit.

7. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein ~~said the first~~ network is configured as a Media Oriented Systems Transport (MOST) network.

8. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein ~~said the second network~~ comprises is the Internet.

9. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein ~~said the network layer~~ comprises a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) network layer.

10. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein ~~said the network layer~~ implements an Internet Protocol (IP) network layer.

11. (Currently Amended) The network of claim ~~6~~7, wherein ~~said the second network~~ comprises is the Internet.

12. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein ~~said the first network is capable of transmitting and receiving~~ external communications.

13. (Currently Amended) The network of claim ~~6~~12, wherein ~~said the first network unit~~ comprises a telephone.

14. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein each of a plurality of the said remaining network units other than the first network unit ~~each~~ comprise a computer platform wherein a proxy computer is installed in the form of one or more software programs.

15. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 6, wherein the network units comprise equipment of a multimedia system.

16. (Currently Amended) The network of claim ~~6~~15, wherein ~~said~~the plurality of network units comprise one or more data sinks and one or more data sources.

17. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 15, wherein ~~said~~the one or more data sinks comprise one or more of the group including a car radio, a CD player, a video recorder, a TV tuner, an audio amplifier, and a display screen.

18. (Currently Amended) A network for providing the capability to communicate over the Internet, comprising:

a plurality of network units connected in a peer-to-peer point-to-point network configuration, including,

a first network unit capable of transmitting and receiving external communications and having installed ~~therein~~a network layer of the Internet in combination with an associated application program interface;

a plurality of remaining network units each having installed ~~therein~~a proxy computer; and

a communication path for communicably linking ~~the said~~network units in the peer-to-peer point-to-point network configuration~~with each another~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the first network is configured as a Media Oriented Systems Transport (MOST) network.

20. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the network layer comprises a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) network layer.

21. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the network layer implements an Internet Protocol (IP) network layer.

22. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the first network unit comprises a telephone.

23. (Currently Amended) The network of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the network units comprise equipment of a multimedia system.

24. (Currently Amended) The network of claim ~~18~~23, wherein ~~said~~the plurality of network units other than ~~said~~the first remaining network units comprise one or more data sinks and one or more data sources.

25. (Currently Amended) A vehicle-hosted multimedia system for providing the capability to communicate over the Internet, comprising:

a plurality of network units connected in a peer-to-peer point-to-point network configuration, including,

a telephone configured as a network unit capable of transmitting and receiving external communications and having installed ~~therein~~ a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or Internet Protocol (IP) network layer of the Internet in combination with an associated application program interface;

a plurality of ~~remaining~~ network units other than the telephone, each comprising ~~having installed therein~~ a proxy computer; and

a communication path for communicably linking the network units in the peer-to-peer point-to-point network configuration ~~with each another~~.